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UNBEKNOWNST TO THE POPULACE OR HEROES OF THE WORLD, VICTOR VON DOOM HAS FINALLY CONQUERED ALL OF REALITY. HE HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE WORLD AND CREATED POCKETS OF CONTROLLED CHAOS THAT ALL FALL UNDER HIS PURVIEW.

ALL THEY KNOW IS THE REALITY DOOM HAS CREATED FOR THEM.

BUT MANHATTAN IS IN A REAL PREDICAMENT. TWO DIFFERENT UNIVERSES ARE EXISTING IN THE SAME PLACE. HEROES FROM TWO DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS ARE RUNNING AROUND THE CITY AT THE SAME TIME. SOME THAT ARE VERY SIMILAR TO EACH OTHER AND OTHERS THAT ARE WILDLY DIFFERENT.

THE HEROES OF BOTH UNIVERSES ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO UNDO THE DAMAGE AND COEXIST.

BUT DOOM'S ROYAL GUARD, THE THORS, HAVE ASSASSINATED HAWKEYE.

SPIDER-MAN'S IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO MOST OF THE PUBLIC.

AND THE HULKS CLASH, ACCIDENTALLY CAUSING A HIGH-SECURITY PRISON RIOT THAT LED TO THE ESCAPE OF THE ASSASSIN OF CRIMINALS KNOWN AS THE PUNISHER.

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DOCTOR BANNER!!!

DON'T YELL AT HIM...

HE CAN'T HURT US NOW.

(ARE THE FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF EVERYONE WHO'S EVER MET HIM.)

BANNER!!

AGH!

Triskelion Containment Center.
Two Weeks Ago.

What the hell were you doing, Doctor?

I-I CAN EXPLAIN.

You can explain why you turned into a Hulk and threw another whole Hulk into the most maximum security prison full of hundreds of the most dangerous criminals in the world??

You can explain to me why you caused a full-blown prison riot that killed good S.H.I.E.L.D. agents and prison guards and over 100 of the most dangerous criminals have escaped into the city??!!

OH, NO...

Doctor Bruce Banner, just so we are absolutely clear, you are under arrest!
I CAN MAKE IT RIGHT...
Yeah??
Why start now?
WHY DON'T YOU LET HIM TALK?
Why are you even in here, Stark?
ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU, FURY.
THIS IS MY HOUSE!!!
MAYBE IN YOUR DOMAIN, BUT--
My domain??!!
BUT THAT MAN IS MY FRIEND AND MY COLLEAGUE AND YOU ARE GOING TO LET HIM TALK!
My domain?
We are both living in the same domain!!
And this is my house!!
And that is my prisoner!!
And all those dead agents were mine too!!
And all of you damn super heroes didn't do a damn thing but make this worse!!
We are piled on top of each other and it is getting worse!!
This is what they call the tipping point!!
Do you know what that means?

Tipping point!! Hello?? why do I have two, not one, but *two* Tony Starks, two god damn futurists in here...
Calm down and--
And neither one of you see this damn tipping point barreling down the street like a damn *wrecking ball!!!*
MAN...
YOU ARE A REALLY GOOD YELLER.
Parker!
LET'S JUST FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED--
(DON'T JUST YELL OUT MY NAME, MAN.)
BANNER, TALK TO US, WHAT HAPPENED?
FURY IS RIGHT.
DOCTOR BANNER, I AM EMMA FROST OF THE X-MEN.
DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW, BUT I'M A PSYCHIC AND I CAN--I AM READING YOUR MIND.
IT'S OKAY, TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED.
I'M WHAT HAPPENED...

"I WAS WORKING ON A SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM.

"TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO UNFOLD OUR TWO DIMENSIONS.

"TO UNCLUSTER THIS MESS.

"I WAS TRYING TO MAP OUR DIMENSION SO AS TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO PUT US BACK THE WAY WE WERE.

"BACK TO TWO DOMAINS-- SEPARATE, PARALLEL.

"AND THEN...

"...I WALKED IN..."

HI, UM, HUH.

HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

Gamma ray detector.

Did you have them where you're from?

YES.

This is more awkward than I even imagined.

I WAS WATCHING TONY STARK DEAL WITH HIS DOPPELGäNGER.

(NOT WELL, MIND YOU.)

AND I WAS WONDERING IF I WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR CONFRONTATION.

What are you doing here?

TRYING TO FIX THINGS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME FOOD?

Don't try to help.

Don't...

WHY?

My--

Our curse is not that we turn into monsters and smash things. It's that we actually think we can help.

But we can't.

We don't help.

We smash.

WELL, WE'LL SEE...

YOU WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS?

I COULD USE AN EXTRA SET OF EYES.

Are you listening to me?

YOU'VE CLEARLY BEEN THROUGH A LOT.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

I PROBABLY KNOW MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

You look insane to me.

Like a dog wearing a sweater.

YOU'RE MAD AT YOURSELF AND YOU'RE TAKING IT OUT ON ME.

AND I PROMISE YOU I DO FIND IT FASCINATING BUT THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO.

SO PULL UP A CHAIR AND HELP.

OR LEAVE.

THIS WON'T HELP!! You won't help!!

I SWEAR TO GOD, I HAD THIS EXACT DREAM ONCE.

JUST GO AWAY.

You're not listening to me!!

YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN.

Has telling us to calm down ever worked?!

NO.

BUT NOR HAS THE OTHER THING AND I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.

Leave this alone, you're going to make it worse.

Then they will blame you. Then they will hunt you.

Then they will destroy you.

YOU BROKEN LITTLE COWARD.

MY WORK!!
"IT WAS THE BEST I COULD DO...
"I THREW HIM OUT TO SEA.
"AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY..."

I--I DIDN'T KNOW.

I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS GOING TO HIT A PRISON.

I DIDN'T-- I WAS TRYING TO SAVE THE CITY.

BUT-BUT BEING NEAR HIM...

I--I HAVEN'T HULKED OUT LIKE THAT IN A LONG TIME.

IT MUST HAVE--IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE GAMMA COMING OFF THE OTHER HULK, OR--

I INVITED YOU HERE TO LET YOU SEE WHAT THIS IS. SO YOU UNDERSTAND. SO WE'RE ON THE UP AND UP, BUT THAT'S IT...

WHERE IS HE?

WHERE IS THE OTHER HULK?

That's not *your* problem anymore!

PLEASE, YOU *HAVE* TO BELIEVE ME!

That's the problem, Banner, I do believe you.

Everyone out.

BUT WHAT ARE YOU--?

Out!

No one is allowed in here unless they are with me and I want reports on his vitals at every quarter hour.

I THINK WE NEED TO DISCUSS THIS.

PLEASE!

I CAN HELP!!

Write me a telegram.

THIS IS *NOT* HOW THIS IS GOING TO GO.

Don't make me confiscate your armor as a point of security.

HE'S MY FRIEND.

Then be glad we have him contained.

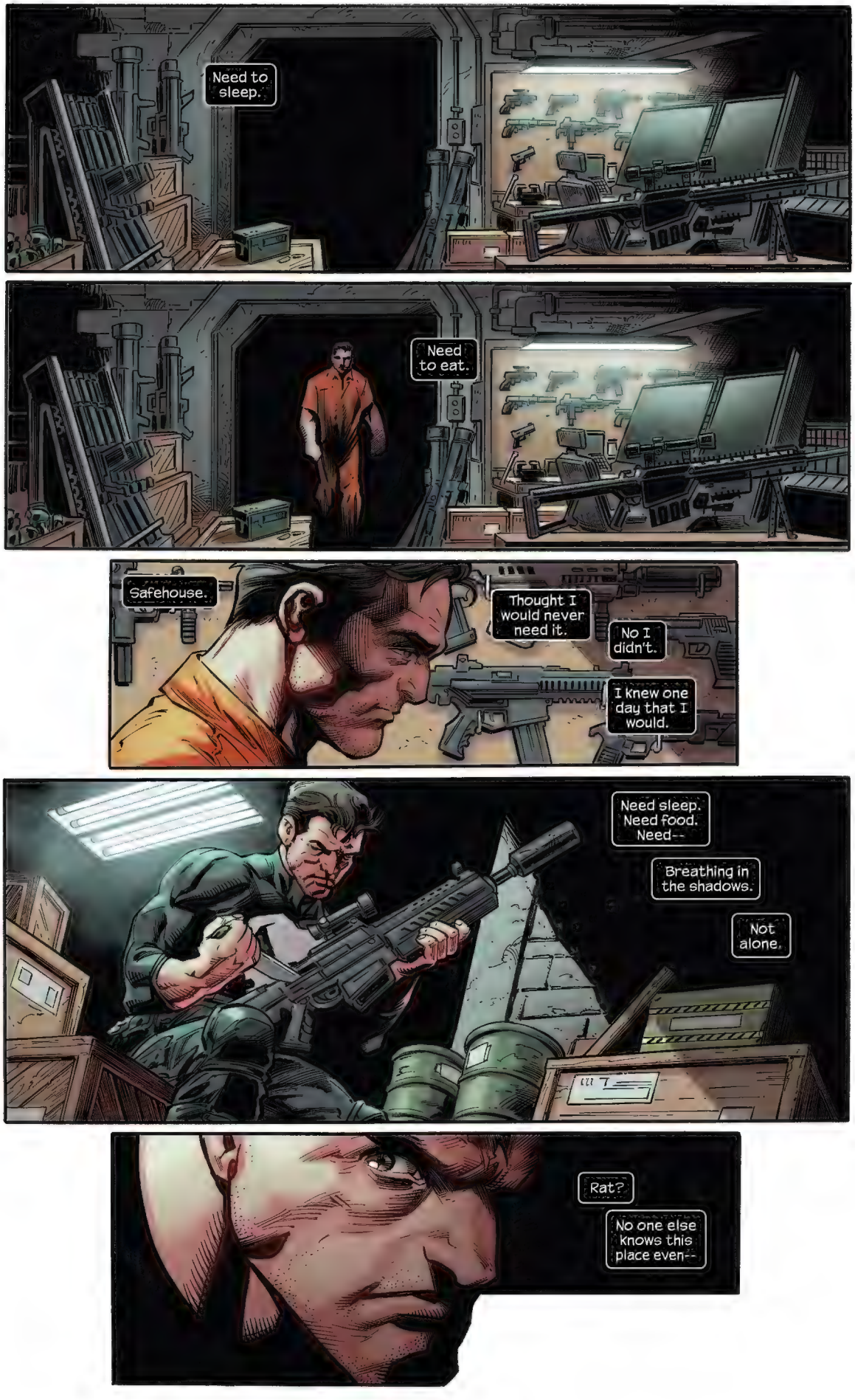
HE HAS RIGHTS.

So do the good god-fearing people of this city.

TONY...

FOR NOW...

IT JUST SEEMS THAT AFTER EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN TODAY...
HE IS SAFER HERE.
FOR NOW.
YOU KNOW WE'RE NEXT.
Only if you hulk out and kill my agents.
I appreciate your loyalty and your passion, Stark.
But maybe go back to putting it into a solution to our predicament...
Anything I should be worried about in that head of his?
YES.
I CAN HELP...


Need to sleep.
Need to eat.
Safehouse.
Thought I would never need it.
No I didn't.
I knew one day that I would.
Need sleep. Need food. Need--
Breathing in the shadows.
Not alone.
Rat?
No one else knows this place even--

PUT IT DOWN.
I MEAN IT.
Shape-shifter.
Psychotic break?
Doppelgänger.
There are two Hulks. Two Iron Men. Two me?
Two of everybody? This is madness.
STEP AWAY FROM THE TABLE.
STEP AWAY FROM THE TABLE, SKRULL.
CHUCK

WHY?
BAM
SHNK
It had to end this way.

Brooklyn.

Come on, guys.

I don't have time for this... I have %#$%#$ homework.

Bombshell.

THEN RUN ALONG, LITTLE GIRL.

WHERE ARE ALL THESE LITTLE SUPER HEROES COMING FROM?

MUST BE A GAS LEAK.

YOUR FAULT FOR GETTING US SO CASH POOR WE HAD TO STOOP TO THIS.

Aiee!

The Wrecking Crew.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, LITTLE GIRL!

ACTUALLY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

THIS WHOLE CITY IS CRAWLING WITH LITTLE BABY SUPER HEROES AND EVERY SECOND WE STAND AROUND THE STREET IS JUST ANOTHER DAMN FIST FIGHT WE HAVE TO GET INTO!!

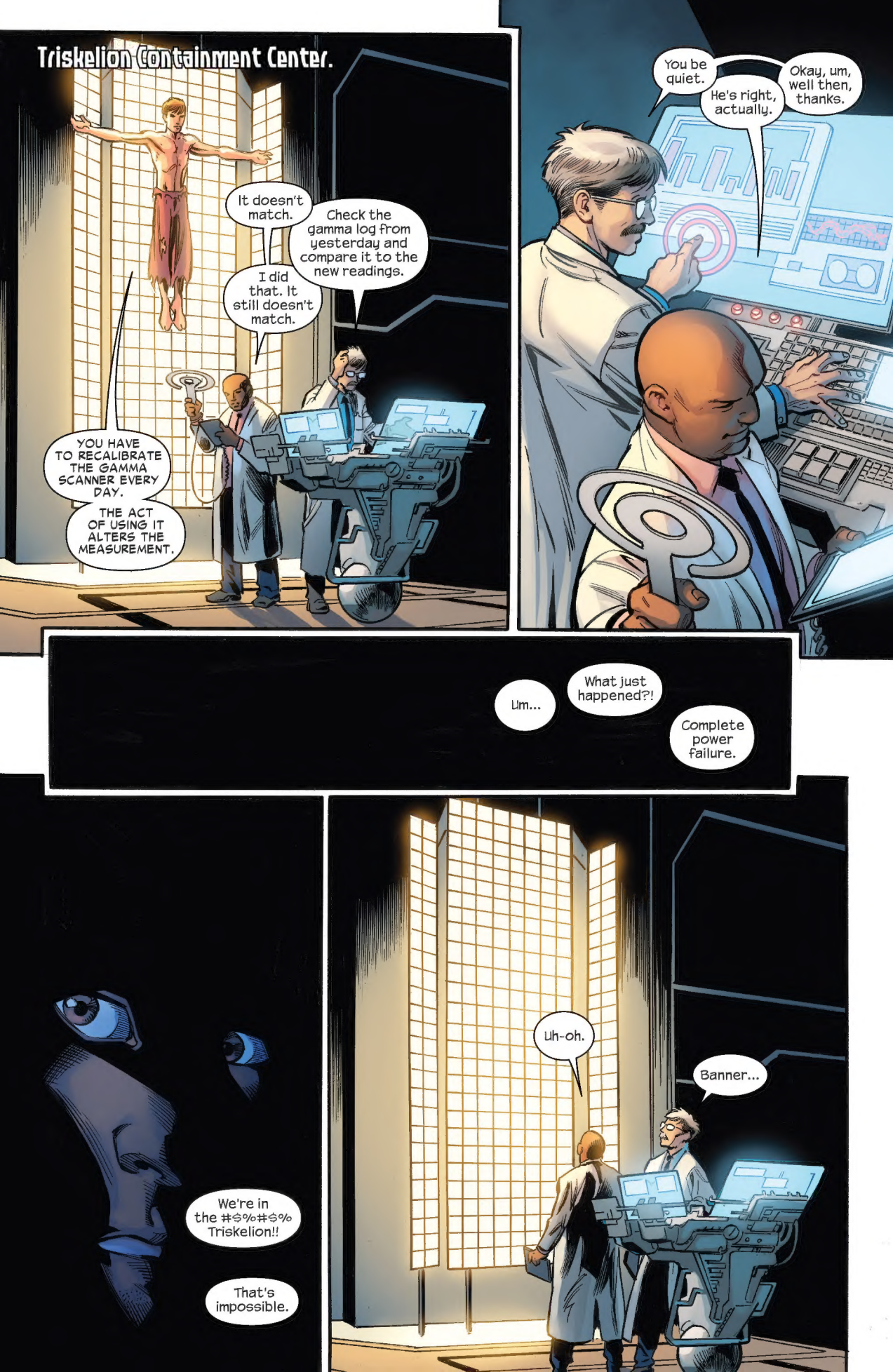
NAH, THIS ONE NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON.

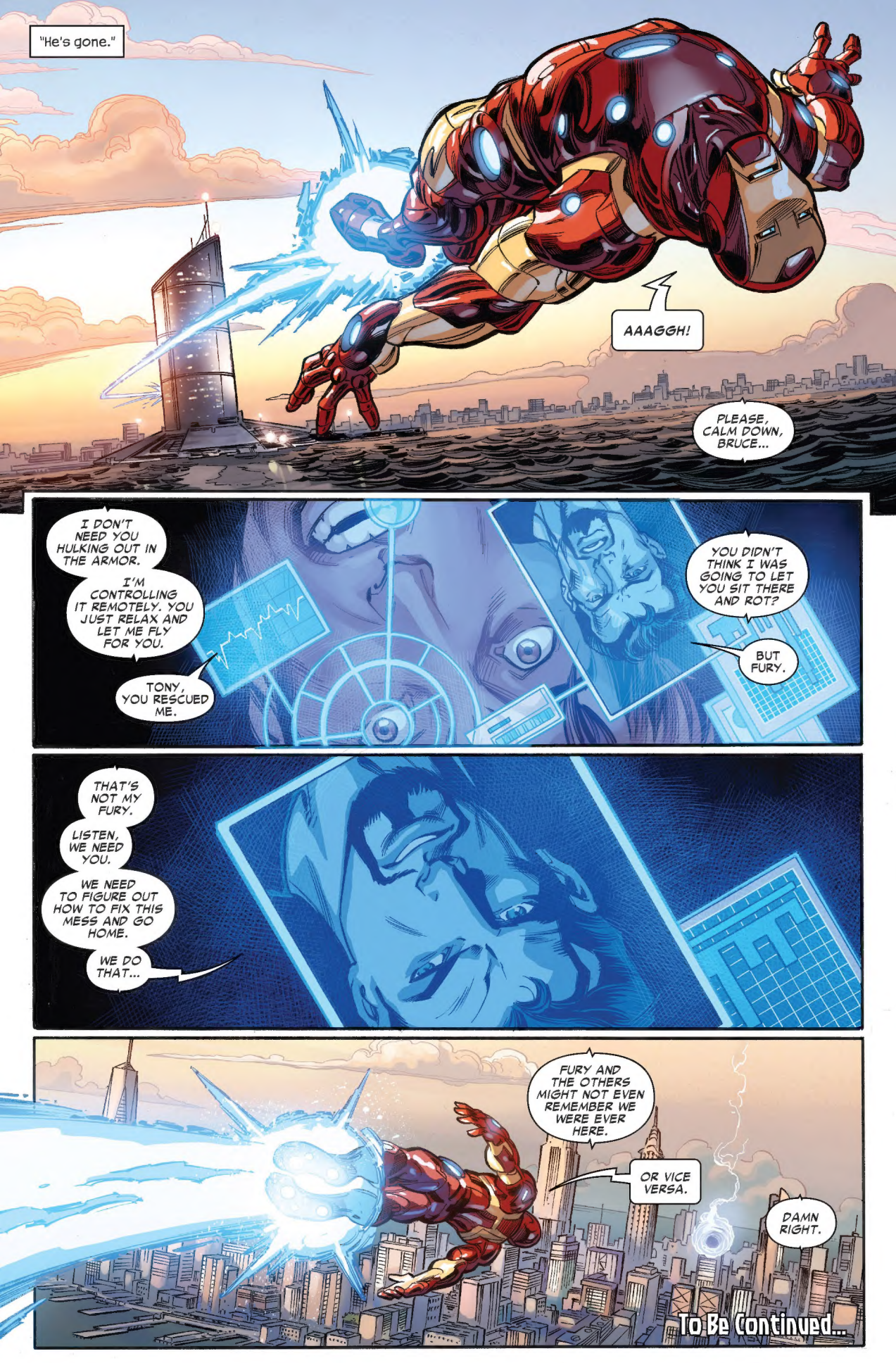
THIP

THE HELL IS--?

OH NO.

THIP
THIP
THIP
This is the only way it could end.


Triskelion Containment Center.
It doesn't match.
Check the gamma log from yesterday and compare it to the new readings.
I did that. It still doesn't match.
YOU HAVE TO RECALIBRATE THE GAMMA SCANNER EVERY DAY.
THE ACT OF USING IT ALTERS THE MEASUREMENT.
You be quiet.
He's right, actually.
Okay, um, well then, thanks.
Um...
What just happened?!
Complete power failure.
Uh-oh.
Banner...
We're in the #$%#$% Triskelion!!
That's impossible.


"He's gone."
AAAGGH!
PLEASE, CALM DOWN, BRUCE...
I DON'T NEED YOU HULKING OUT IN THE ARMOR.
I'M CONTROLLING IT REMOTELY. YOU JUST RELAX AND LET ME FLY FOR YOU.
TONY, YOU RESCUED ME.
YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO LET YOU SIT THERE AND ROT?
BUT FURY.
THAT'S NOT MY FURY.
LISTEN, WE NEED YOU.
WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIX THIS MESS AND GO HOME.
WE DO THAT...
FURY AND THE OTHERS MIGHT NOT EVEN REMEMBER WE WERE EVER HERE.
OR VICE VERSA.
DAMN RIGHT.
To Be Continued...

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NEXT: LAST HERO STANDING

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